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Applicant: Hiroshi OJI

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THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement issued on October 2, 2008, Applicant elects Group I and Species II (Fig 3), including claims 1 and 2 for prosecution in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to continue prosecution of the non-elected claims 3-5.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 22, 2008

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